

A Study on Registration of Indian Ships Under Merchant Shipping Act ,1958

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Abstract: *A ship entitled to fly the flag of a country needs to be registered in that country. The object of registration is to ensure that persons who are entitled to the privilege and protection of the Indian flag get them. The registration affords evidence of title off the ship to those who deal with the property in question. It also gives protection to the members of the crew in case of casualties involving injuries and/or loss of life to claim compensation under the provisions of the Indian Acts in Indian courts. Indian Merchant Shipping Act of 1958, for the first time, dealt with registration of ships. Earlier acts had lacked this aspect totally. The Director General of Shipping, at the request of owners of Indian ships, desiring to be known at sea, allots signal letter & controls the series that may be so issued. Certain formalities are required to be complied with before a ship is registered as an Indian ship and these are laid down in the Merchant Shipping (Registration of ships) rules 1960 as amended from time to time. Part V of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 and Registration of ships rules, 1960 as amended from time to time, are concerned with the Registration of Indian ships*

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